

Amendments to the Specification

Please amend Paragraphs [0058] and [0061] of the specification as follows:

[0058] It can be appreciated that various changes may be made within the scope of the present invention, for example, the size and shape of the panels and apertures may be adjusted to accommodate articles of differing size or shape. Figs. 2A – 9C illustrate further embodiments of the present invention, which will now be described by way of example only and to illustrate some of the changes that can be made, whilst keeping within the scope of the present invention.

In subsequent figures, similar reference numerals have been used to denote like features[.]. For example, the reference numerals in the second embodiment of the invention are increased by '200', as compared to those in the first embodiment herein before described, to show that they represent features of the second embodiment, the reference numerals in the third embodiment are increased by '300' to show that they represent features of the third embodiment and so on. Since ~~other~~ the subsequent embodiments shown in Figs 2A-9C have features common to the first embodiment ~~herein before described~~, only differences in subsequent embodiments will be highlighted. The other features in the subsequent embodiments are common to the first embodiment and thus are denoted by the aforementioned similar reference numerals. Description of those common features will be omitted for the subsequent embodiments since the description of the first embodiment applies also to the subsequent embodiments as far as the common features are concerned.

[0061] A third embodiment of the present invention is shown in Figs. 3A, 3B, 3C and 3D. The carton 330 shown in Fig. 3C is formed from the blanks 310 and 320 of Figs. 3A and 3B and is not rectangular as in the previous embodiments. The blank 310 contains additional corner panels 390 hingedly attached to each of the first and second side walls 312, 316, and to each of the front and back panels 314, 318, along fold lines 342a/342b, 344a/344b, 346a/346b and 348a/348b. The tubular carton erected from the blank 310 is octagonal for the purpose of providing additional protection to the bottles contained within the ~~that tubular~~ carton 330. The additional

corner panels 390 protect the bottles which are positioned at the corners of the bottle arrangement. The cover for the tubular carton, erected from the blank 320, contains tabs 392 hingedly attached to the main panel 322 specifically adapted so that the shape of the complimentary cover fits securely into the tubular crate formed from the blank 310. The tabs 392 are folded similarly to the inner handle panels 324 and cover end flaps 328.